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Bruises, sunburn, and minor burns and scalds

Constipation and piles (haemorrhoids)

Hay fever, dry eyes and allergies (including rashes, bites and stings)

Aches and pains, including earache, headache, migraine, back pain and toothache

Vomiting, heartburn, indigestion, diarrhoea and threadworms

Period pain, thrush and cystitis

Head lice (nits)

Conjunctivitis, cold sores and mouth ulcers

Warts and verrucas

Nappy rash and teething

All these conditions

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9am – 5pm

8am – 6pm

24 hours

7am - midnight

All of the above

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NHS Choices

Community nurse

Pharmacist

All of the above

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Yes

No

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True

False

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Answers

QUESTION 1

Community pharmacists can offer advice and treatment on all these conditions.

[Learn more](#) about how your pharmacist can help with treating common conditions.

QUESTION 2

There will be a pharmacy near to you that is open in the early morning or late into the evening for expert health advice, treatment for minor conditions and prescriptions.

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QUESTION 3

All of the above could advise you on minor conditions but the pharmacist can help recognise and treat many common illnesses without an appointment. They can give advice quickly, in private, and where appropriate, recommend over-the-counter medicines that could help clear up the problem. If they think you need to see a GP for your illness, they will advise you to do that.

QUESTION 4

The pharmacist will be able to advise on how any medication you take for other conditions will interact with any treatments they recommend for minor ailments.

QUESTION 5

Medication and treatments for minor conditions are available from pharmacies, supermarkets and many other shops. Use price comparison websites and shop around where possible to find the best product for you.